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TO AMEMBASSY LISBON PRIOR

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SUBJECT: ANTI-COMMUNIST RALLY BY PORTUGUESE-AMERICANS

1. ON SATURDAY APRIL 19 A LARGE GROUP OF PORTUGUESE-AMERICANS ESTIMATED TO BE ANYWHERE FROM 5-10 THOUSAND PEOPLE GATHERED ON THE ELLIPSE BEHIND THE WHITE HOUSE TO PARADE IN SUPPORT OF FREE ELECTIONS IN PORTUGAL AND TO DENOUNCE PRO-COMMUNIST TENDENCIES IN GOP.

2. PORTUGUESE CARRIED BANNERS WITH THE FOLLOWING SLOGANS WRITTEN BOTH IN ENGLISH AND PORTUGUESE: "PLEASE SAVE PORTUGAL", "48 YEARS OF DICTATORSHIP IS ENOUGH", "PORTUGAL SHOULD NOT BE ANOTHER CUBA", "WHAT HAPPENED TO THE PROMISES OF APRIL 25?", "THE MFA IS LIKE A WATERMELON, GREEN ON THE OUTSIDE AND RED ON THE INSIDE."

3. AFTER THE RALLY ABOUT 10 OF THE LEADERS CALLED ON PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR THEMIDO WHO TOLD US TODAY THAT LEADERS HOPED THAT A MESSAGE WOULD BE SENT TO LISBON INDICATING SUPPORT OF PORTUGUESE-AMERICANS FOR FREE  
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ELECTIONS. THEMIDO SAID THE GROUP WAS VERY MODERATE

AND POLITE AND HAD NO WRITTEN STATEMENT. HE TOLD  
THE GROUP THAT HE WOULD SEND A CABLE TO LISBON  
TRANSMITTING THEIR REQUEST, AND HE HAS SINCE DONE SO.

4. COMMENT: TO OUR SURPRISE NO PUBLICITY ABOUT THE  
RALLY APPEARED EITHER IN THE PRESS, TV OR ON THE RADIO,  
PERHAPS BECAUSE THE RALLY WAS SO WELL-MANNERED AND  
WELL-BEHAVED. MOST OF THE PARTICIPANTS CAME FROM  
NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY AND MASS, AND MANY OF THEM ARE  
PROBABLY AMERICAN CITIZENS. EMBASSY MAY WISH IN ITS  
DISCRETION TO PASS THESE FACTS ALONG TO SELECTED  
GOP OFFICIALS. KISSINGER

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